

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed June 12, 2006 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claim Status and Amendment to the Claims

Claims 1-32 are now pending.

Applicants are further grateful for the indication of allowability of claims 1-32, subject to the 35 U.S.C. § 112 issues outlined in the Office Action.

Claims 1-8, 9, 17, and 25 have been amended to further particularly point out and distinctly claim subject matter regarded as the invention. No “new matter” has been added by the Amendment.

Dependent Claims 2-8, 10-16, 18-24, and 26-32, depend from Claims 1, 9, 17, and 25, respectively. The base claims being allowable, the dependent claims must be allowable for at least the same reasons.

The 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph Rejection

Claims 1-8

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter the Applicant

regards as the invention.¹ With this Amendment, Claims 1-8 has been modified to clarify configuration requirements. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejection of Claim 1 be withdrawn.

Claims 9, 17, and 25

Independent Claims 9, 17, and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite based on the elements “periodically checking the active session for the user, the active session associated with a port, the user identified on said port”.² As described in the Specification, an active session “identifies a port on which a user is connected.”³ With this Amendment, Claims 9, 17, and 25 have been modified to be clearer, consistent with the specification’s definition of active session. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejection of Claims 9, 17, and 25 be withdrawn.

Claims 2-8, 10-16, 18-24, and 26-32

Dependent Claims 2-8, 10-16, 18-24, and 26-32, depend from Claims 1, 9, 17, and 25, respectively. The base claims being allowable, the dependent claims must be allowable for at least the same reasons.

Conclusion

It is believed that this Amendment places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this Amendment is earnestly solicited.

¹ Office Action dated June 12, 2006, ¶¶ 5-6.

² Office Action, ¶ 7.

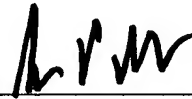
³ Specification, ¶ 6.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

The Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account No. 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,

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